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Jacksonville State's Shanika Freeman takes a spill in Thursday's Skyhawk win.

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- Ted Council

Extended campus offerings

There is still time to register for UT Martin's non-credit courses.

Classes offered by the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) are slated to begin later this month and cover a variety of subjects of interest to the public.

To register or for more information, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-587-7082. Online registration, course listings, descriptions, dates and times are available at www.utm.edu/~ecce/courses_nondegree.html. Brochures also are available.

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Rain	Showers	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
High 52	High 42	High 43	High 48

High 52	Low 38	High 42	Low 18
			Low 23

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UTM soldiers return from Iraq

Students deployed in February return home in time for Christmas, New Year

Staff Reports

Students returning from their assignment in the 1174th Transportation Company of Dresden were welcomed home last month by family and friends after serving their duty in Iraq.

The soldiers arrived at 5:05 a.m. December 11, 2003 to meet their immediate family at the Ft. Campbell airport runway.

After their arrival, the soldiers spent time with their family and then reported to the barracks to prepare for a gathering with extended family and friends in a gymnasium.

Among those returning were Joseph Dacus of Dukedom, Ronnie Johnson of Martin, and Timothy Edelstein of Humboldt, all students at the UTM.

The 1174th is part of the 230th Area Support Group, headquartered in Dyersburg. Roughly 170 Tennessee soldiers were involved in the mobilization.

Several public figures have expressed their gratitude of the soldiers serving in Iraq.

"Hussein's capture should be especially gratifying to our brave troops and to the people of Iraq," Sen. Lamar Alexander said.

He added that "It is not the end of conflict and of American sacrifice."

U.S. troops are still in harm's way, and the United States has not yet completed its mission in Iraq. U.S. Rep. John Tanner said after returning from a three-day trip to military sites in and around Iraq.

"We have moved into a different phase of conflict," Tanner said after



STEPHEN YEARGIN / The Pacer

Home Again - Troops of the 1174th Transportation Company await processing in a gymnasium at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

returning from the trip, "but this war is not over. The area is not yet secure, and our brave American men and women are still under fire every day."

A welcome home banquet is scheduled to be held later this month in Dresden at American Legion Post 94.

Higher Education Funding

New electric project will cut energy costs

University Relations

It's a fiscal agent's mission and an educator's dream: Power generation that can reduce energy costs by 46 percent and a generation facility that serves as a laboratory for students. Merging on-site generation technology with education is the goal of a project taking shape at the University of Tennessee at Martin - the first of its kind in the state.

The idea was conceived as an offshoot of discussions aimed at controlling utility costs and channeling more funds to academics, said Al Hooten, UT Martin vice chancellor for finance and administration.

The plan is to secure a lower electric rate from Tennessee Valley Authority in exchange for allowing the utility to remove the university from the power grid up to 72 hours a year during peak periods or emergency situations. The university also will enter into a 10-year contract with TVA.

By the numbers

46%
Savings in electric cost

\$4.4
Million dollar price tag

30
Years expected lifespan

Source: University Relations



CHRIS WEST / The Pacer

State Lottery to start ahead of schedule on January 20

Tennessee Lottery Corporation

Tennessee Lottery President & CEO Rebecca Paul today announced the first lottery tickets will go on sale January 20 - a full three weeks earlier than originally anticipated.

In moving up the Lottery's launch date from the original date of February 10, Paul noted that additional ticket sales will generate "millions more dollars" in college scholarships for Tennessee students this year.

"All the pieces are in place for a successful early kick-off," Paul told Lottery board members during a conference call this afternoon. "That's good news for Tennessee students who will be attending college this fall on the first Lottery-funded scholarships."

Paul lauded the efforts of dozens of Lottery employees who were integral in helping make the early startup a reality.

"I'm proud to say this is one of the fastest and most effective U.S. lottery startups in more than a decade," Paul said. "That's thanks in no small part to the exceptional team of professionals who are working hard to make the Tennessee Lottery a success for education."

One critical element in the early startup,



Paul said, has been the rapid development of a strong statewide retail network. Lottery employees have been working long hours for weeks to conduct criminal background checks, credit checks, tax checks and on thousands of independent and corporate retailers across the state.

By the time tickets go on sale, nearly 3,000 retailers - from Memphis to Bristol - will be installed with the computer terminals and satellite dishes necessary to conduct lottery games. Hundreds of retailers will be added in the weeks to come.

Initially, the Tennessee Lottery will launch with four "instant" games. The colorful tickets, which will contain fields of play that players must scratch in order to win, will offer prizes ranging from a free ticket to \$1 million.

Additional instant games will be added as time goes on. Within 60 days after instant tickets go on sale, the Lottery will add computerized games in which players will pick numbers prior to televised drawings.

All Lottery profits will go to education. Most immediately, the Lottery is charged with raising at least \$88 million by July 1 in order to fund scholarships for an estimated 65,000 students expected to attend Tennessee colleges and universities next fall.

Hooten said the equipment in the facility is expected to function 30 years and the debt to be repaid in 10 years. He added, when deregulation of electric utilities occurs, the university "will be in good shape."

And, if that isn't good enough, students will utilize the equipment and data recorded for a laboratory.

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Greek and athletic report cards are in for the fall

Kevin Teets
Managing Editor

ranked in with a GPA of 2.09. While the IFC grades fell several points, the all male average for the campus only fell .01.

Other fraternities not affiliated with IFC increased in their academic performance, but even with an increase close to a half of a point, none of the NPHC fraternities ranked above a 2.5 average.

Sorority grades fell some compared to last spring semester as well. Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega and Alpha Omicron Pi all were able to keep their GPA above a 3.0, even with the declines. Gamma Kappa Pi and Delta Sigma Theta showed improvements: Gamma Kappa Pi averaged a 2.67, while Delta Sigma Theta averaged a 2.39.

This year's academic performance for the sports teams on campus is something to brag about. Over 40% of the athletes made the dean's list this year with a GPA of 3.2 or higher.

Fraternities

Intrafraternal

ΑΓΡ 2.98

ΦΒΣ 2.05

ΣΦΕ 2.77

ΚΑΨ 2.03

ΑΤΩ 2.69

ΩΨΦ 1.47

ΚΑ 2.47

ΠΚΑ 2.36

ΣΑΕ 2.17

ΦΣΚ 2.01

Sororities

Pan-Hellenic

ΑΔΠ 3.22

ΔΣΞ 2.39

ΧΩ 3.08

ΖΦΒ 2.24

ΑΟΠ 3.00

Independent

ZTA 2.70

ΓΚΠ 2.67

* Pending as Sigma Sigma Chi

Source: Office of Student Life

er. Over 50% of the athletes made a 3.0 or higher.

Among the top achieving teams are volleyball with 73% of their players making dean's list. Bring up the rear for academic achievement are the cheerleaders, having a GPA of 2.31.

Director of intercollegiate athletics at UTM Phil Dane say she is pleased with the performance of the athletes. "I'm very pleased with the academic performance of our student-athletes this fall," Dane says. "This shows our coaches have made academics a priority."

OPINIONS

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Editorial: New Year means tough choices

While many students have made a variety of resolutions in this New Year, The Pacer has developed a few resolutions of its own.

We resolve to continue our commitment to covering the news that matters to UTM, and to accept nothing short of the truth.

We resolve to be as entertaining as possible, feeling that it does little good to produce a newspaper if it's a dull read.

We also resolve to keep our adviser's stress to a minimum by making responsible decisions.

We have also proposed the following resolutions for a few entities on campus and beyond.

For campus administrators, keep fighting for the students in the face of tough budget decisions. Although sacrifices must be made, simple things such as reliable, constant Internet connections will keep the student body pacified.

For the Business Office, look for ways to make things easier for the novice. A line stretching out of the Administration Building of students waiting for refund checks is absurd, and it's time to find a better way.

For Computer Services, we think that a little public rela-

tions work needs to happen before a major change occurs. A flyer posted in the dorms or an e-mail about the new dorm network registration policies would be nice. The debacle of the worm viruses and dorm 'invasion' of last fall can also be traced to a lack of publicity.

For Student Government, put aside personal agendas and apathy to make way for new ideas.

The past four months of our news coverage has been of little interest the campus community, making SGA almost invisible to the typical student.

For the University of Tennessee, give us a university President we can put faith in again.

For the nation, try not to get caught up in the political mud-slinging that is sure to ensue during this election year. Regardless of your convictions to a particular candidate, stay true to what you feel is right for the country. With news coverage about the recent excursions to space, war and economic woes far outweigh the evident need to push the limits of human ingenuity. It is our belief that things need to be sorted out on this planet before we venture again into the last frontier.

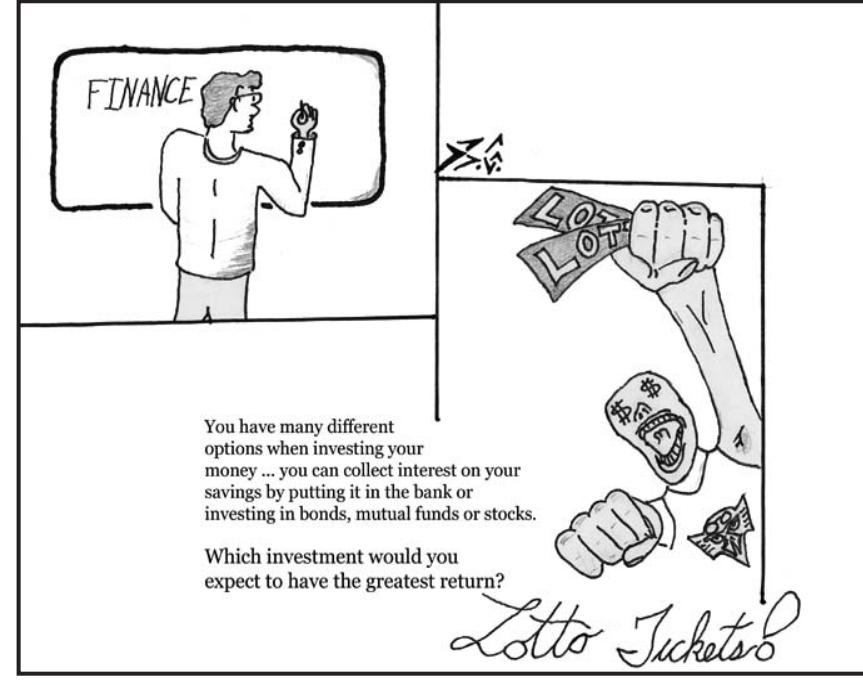
Our view:
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Skills don't pay the bills, but McDonald's will



Theresa Oliver
Guest Columnist

I have an Associate of Arts degree that I earned from Palm Beach Community College. I am currently working on my Bachelor of Arts degree at UTM.

Every semester that I have been in attendance, I have made the Dean's List. I have also been selected to present a research paper at the upcoming National Sociologist Convention.

I am a licensed cosmetologist. I have owned and managed beauty salons in Florida.

I have worked at preschools and day care centers, having earned my C.D.A. Yet, I was

lucky to get a job at McDonalds.

American economists today state that our economy is getting better. We, as a country, are finally able to pull ourselves up by the boot straps out of the economic travesties that have befallen us in the past few years. I do not believe it.

Recently, my family and I moved to my husband's hometown in Tennessee. My husband had been laid off after 16 years of service with US Airways, having been displaced by the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Actually, his displacement was good news. We had wanted to relocate and were excited as we embarked on our new adventure.

Upon arrival into Tennessee, we diligently began our employment search. After six months and no bites, not so much as an interview, my husband decided to open a baseball card store in Milan and create his own employment.

I went back to school and continued my job search. After one

year of looking for employment, I finally found it at McDonalds.

Today, there are millions of unemployed individuals in America. I would guess that they are all looking for employment just like me. The government does not seem to be doing much to ease this jobless situation in America. In fact, President Bush has cut unemployment benefits stating that, according to the reports of big business, our nation is recovering since the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

In reality, one of the reasons why big business is finally reporting gains in profit is due to cut backs in human resources-employees. By laying workers off, big business is able to cut back on "expenses." However, our economy will not reflect gains until the millions of displaced workers finally find employment.

My husband and I have known many people suffering from this unemployment crunch. Not only thousands of airline employees, but many others have suffered as

well. One friend has management experience, truck driving experience and college as well. He finally found employment this month after two years of searching.

Another person with an MBA was working as a wrestling photographer and had been trying to find employment without success. He committed suicide last month.

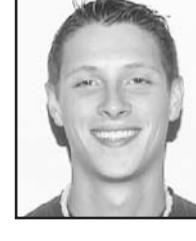
Our economy will not truly recover until all displaced workers find employment. In the meantime, a few big businesses are doing their part in the national recovery in this employment crunch.

McDonald's prides themselves on the diversity of its employees. McDonald's takes a chance on people when no one else will.

Thank you McDonald's for taking a chance on a forty-year-old student. Thank you for taking a chance on me.

Theresa Oliver is a senior Communications major from Clarksville, Ind.

Nothing in life is certain except paying too much for textbooks



Aaron Cooper
Guest Columnist

Like most students, I hate having to go to the bookstore to buy books for the semester.

The reason why I hate buying books from the bookstore is because they try to make money off you every way they can.

The bookstore, or the evil empire as I like to call them, buys their books at wholesale price and then sells them to broke college students for close to 63 percent than what they bought them for. How do I know this? Check out the prices on Amazon.com.

I went to buy a consumer behavior book on line and that book cost me \$35. At the bookstore they were charging my classmates \$90. What I paid to Amazon is what my fellow students will get back if they get to sell their books back at the end of the semester.

If you do buy books from Amazon, you will need the ISBN number, located on the bar code.

The reason why I am telling you this is because to find it you will have to go to the book store and ask them for it but they will not give it to you. Imagine that.

It seems that at the end of the semester our professors decide to change to a new edition of their given class. Come on professors, leave those kids alone! Our professors could help us out a little and stay with the same edition at least one semester. If you've bought a new edition of a book, you can look at the previous edition and tell there is hardly any changes between the two except for a few new pictures.

The last problem with the evil empire is that when you do need a book for a class they seem to never have it.

If you're going to charge an arm and a leg, the least you could do is have the book there in stock so we can have it for our classes.

Yes, I understand that selling books is a business but selling a book for \$55 more than wholesale price is ridiculous.

If there is anyone out there that knows how to solve these problems than let the rest of the college students know.

Until then I guess we will continue to get robbed.

Aaron Cooper is a senior Communications major from Sharon, Tenn.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Jennifer Y. Levy, Ph.D.
UTM Counseling and Career Services
This week's topic: "Hate It But Do It"

Psychologist Mary Pipher, author of "Reviving Ophelia," a book about the development of young women, talks about the need to have a "hate it but do it" center in our brains that helps us to suffer in the short term in order to meet long-term goals.

To be a successful student, you have to work on your "hate it but do it center." There will be days you don't want to get out of bed to study or go to class but if you want to graduate, do it anyway.

If you were lucky, you had parents who made you take out the trash, do your homework, or walk the dog, among other things. Kids whose parents don't give them chores and don't set up reasonable expectations are not the fortunate ones, as we believed when growing up. They are the young adults who struggle with self-discipline and have a hard time turning off the TV to study or walking across campus to the library when it is raining.

This may be a generalization, but it seems that the "hate it but do it" ethic is embraced more by our international students. Their cultural values tend to encourage self-sacrifice and dedication to the task at hand. In my experience, they devote more hours to study than the average American student. They accept this as the way things need to be, rather than feeling distressed about hard work. Simply accepting the need

to work hard can be a radical turning point in your life.

It helps to have a clear vision of your goals and some realistic steps toward achieving them. If you are on academic probation, getting all A's this semester may not be realistic, but promising yourself to study an extra hour each day and complete all your class assignments is an attainable goal.

Take some time to think about these questions: What do I really want in my life? What will make me feel good about myself at the end of this semester? What are my priorities for this year? What do I need to do to accomplish my goals? Then (even if you hate it) just start doing it.

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Financial Burden 101: Buying textbooks

Debate surrounds increasing price of books

Kevin Teets
Managing Editor

It's been questioned by Congressmen, complained about by many and has dug deep into the pocketbooks of all students attending a university. But, what exactly are college students at UTM paying for when they purchase books for their classes?

Oregon Congressman David Wu, member of the House Education Committee, introduced legislation to the U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 20 to require an investigation of the college textbook industry's pricing practices. This legislation was introduced after it was made apparent, through study, that often times American students pay more for college text books than do students studying overseas for the same book.

UTM junior Paul McKinney, an engineering major from Woodlawn, Tenn., knows all too well what it is like to have to pay high prices for text books. "I've spent \$380 right now, and I still have to buy one more book," McKinney says. "After buying the other one, I'll have spent at least \$460."

Sam Covington, Manager of Barnes and Noble Bookstore, which is under contract with UTM says that they are doing everything they can for the students. The contract between UTM and Barnes and Noble is defined for the period of June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2007.

Covington's business practices are like many other bookstore managers across

the country. They are focusing on buying back used textbooks and then reselling them.

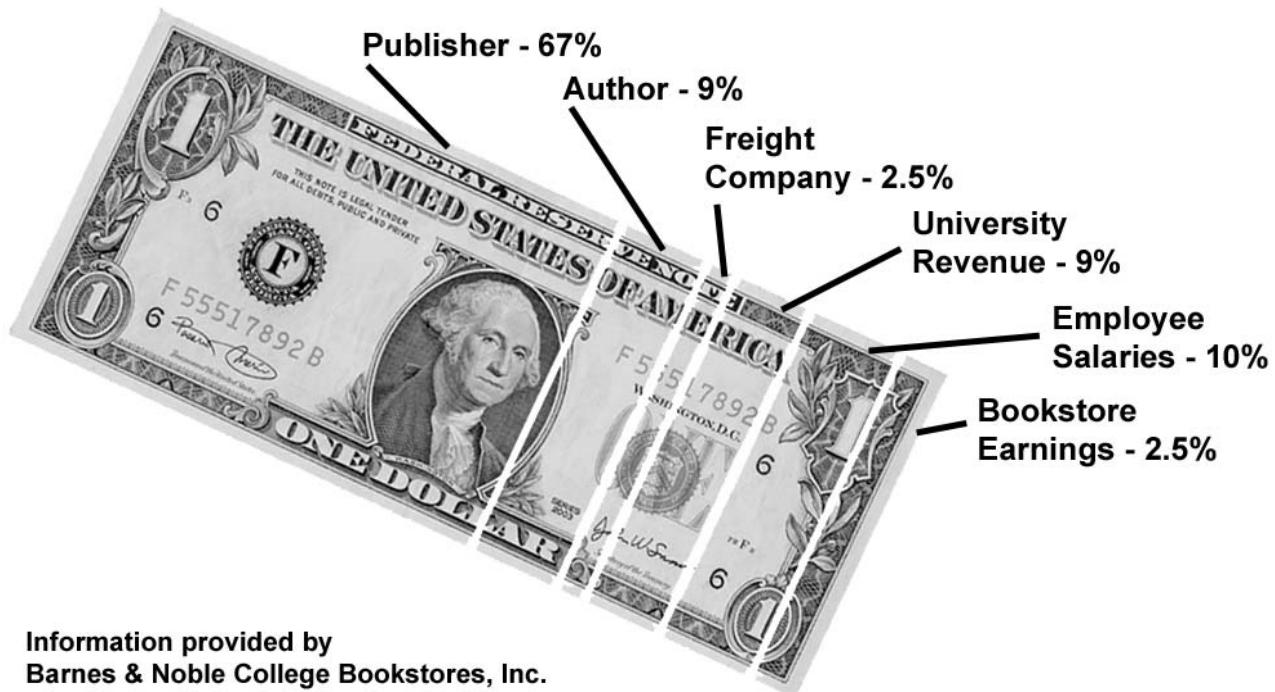
The contract drawn up between UTM and Barnes and Noble shows that the bookstore will purchase back used books at 50% of the original purchase price (provided the book is a good used copy), until the bookstore fills its quota. These used books will then be sold for 25% less than the new selling price. For example, if the original price of a textbook was \$150, then that book could be sold back for \$75. Following interpretation of the contract, this book would go back on the shelf marked "used" with a price tag of \$112.50.

This contract also shows that the markup price for textbooks sold in the campus bookstore is to be no greater than the publisher's list price or 25% gross margin on net priced books, inclusive of restocking fees, return penalties and freight surcharges.

Prior to the completion of last fall semester, students could see advertisement on campus telling them that the bookstore would buy back their used textbooks. While this technique brings in a lot of money for the bookstores and allows them to increase profits, this business benefit of reselling textbooks is something that the publishers don't seem to have to together.

"Many of the books that we receive from publishers now include a CD with them or an additional text," Covington says. Covington also adds that sometimes when CD's go missing or all items aren't brought back for resell, then the items cannot be put back on the shelf.

This would be good news for a publish-



Information provided by Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc.

er looking to sell more books.

Publishers are also making their textbooks more attractive. The latest move is to wrap the textbooks in plastic binding along with additional study guides and CD's. This aesthetic look would have the purpose of appealing to the professors that choose the text, given Covington's explanation of that process.

"Teachers turn in their book orders to us and then we process those orders," Covington says. Covington mentions that often times professors do not meet the deadlines of turning in their orders, resulting in students not being able to cash in their books because the bookstore hasn't been informed if the text would be used the following semester.

Some students have complained about professors choosing to be up to date with the latest edition of a textbook, when there is little change on the inside of the book, but a lot of change in the price tag. When asked if she felt profes-

sors on the UTM campus were constantly changing to a new edition, Covington said she did not think that was a problem.

The bottom line is that publishers loose money when the same books are recycled. However, if a professor chooses to instruct a class using a "new edition" or a "packaged" text, then bookstores must purchase the items allowing publishers to reel in the bucks.

The newest trend of combating the increasing prices of textbooks is for students to make their purchases online. Consumers these days can get texts with the click of a mouse. Covington says that her store in the UC offers something that the online stores cannot - service.

"Our staff can help you find anything you are looking for," Covington said.

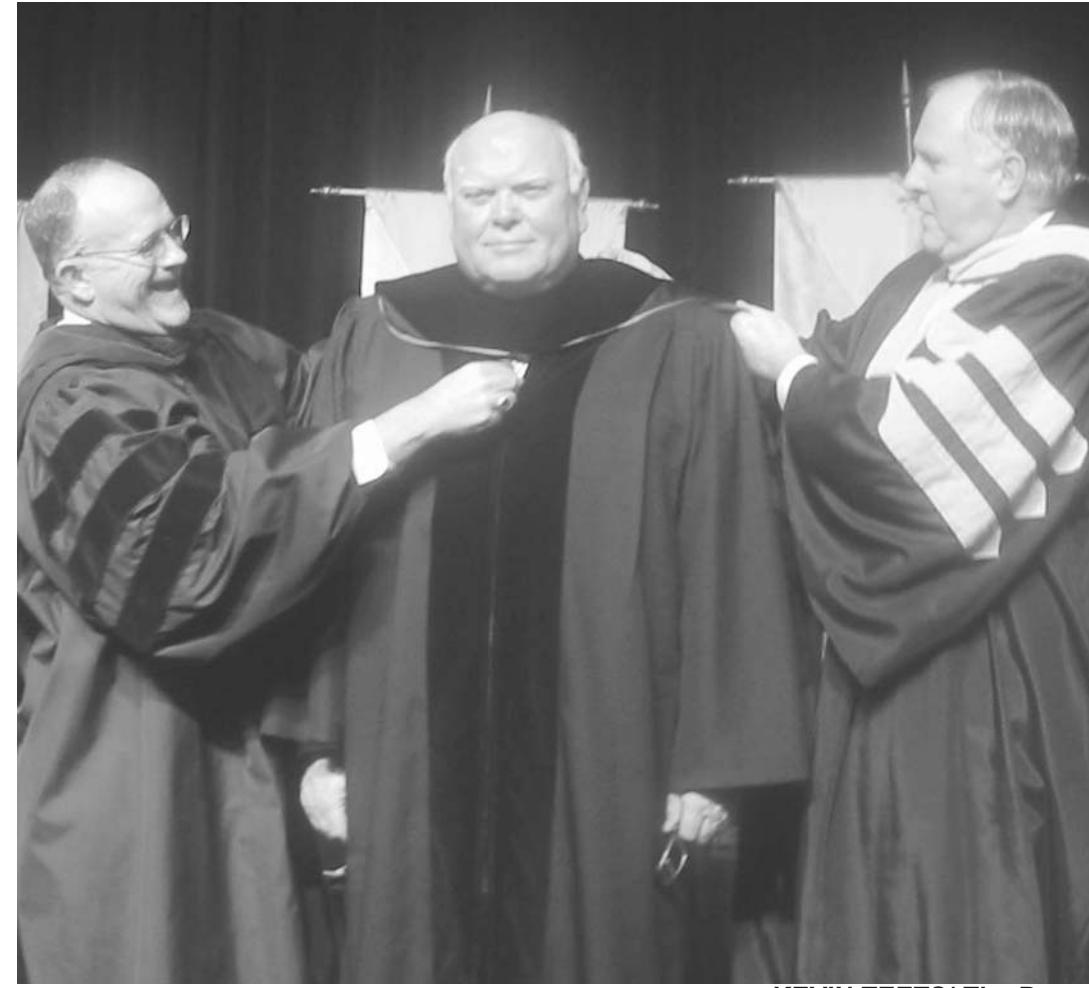
But, to some students this doesn't matter and may not be necessary. McKinney says that he doesn't need service or shelves to shop through. "Some book-

stores like Bradley's will find the book for you," McKinney says. "All you have to do is tell them your class."

The online option of purchasing books is becoming more attractive mainly because of the decrease in prices. For example, the Barnes and Noble bookstore sells the text, "Accounting Theory" by Thomas G. Evans for a new price of \$115.70 and used for \$86.80. On amazon.com, the same book was found for \$106.95 new and \$38.96 used.

Students have options in where they purchase their books. But, despite where you purchase, everyone should begin budgeting for a continued increase in books, following a 6.7% increase in prices during 2003 according to Higher Education Marketing.

If you plan on purchasing books, then get ready to pay. "I think any large hardback book is going to cost a lot whether it's a textbook or not," McKinney says.



KEVIN TEETS/ The Pacer

But don't call him Dr. McWherter, "Ned" will do - Former governor of Tennessee Ned Ray McWherter receives the first honorary degree from UTM. McWherter received the first Doctorate of Leadership that was approved by the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees earlier this year.

Governor McWherter receives honor

Former Tennessee Gov. Ned Ray McWherter accepted the first honorary degree awarded by the University of Tennessee at Martin during fall commencement at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

McWherter, the state's 46th chief executive, received the first Doctorate of Leadership that was approved by the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees earlier this year. Only five honorary degrees have been conferred by UT.

Participating in the hooding ceremony for the honorary degree was UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan and Dr. Tom Rakes.

UT interim President Joe Johnson made remarks following the ceremony.

Dunagan will preside over the commencement exercises and confer the degrees. Paul Sharma, alumni distinguished service professor, was the mace bearer, and the processional marshals were Dr. Susan C. Vicker-staff, faculty senate president; Dr. Daniel F. Pigg, faculty senate vice president; Alvin G. Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration, and Lenora P. Solomons, vice chancellor for university advancement.

Commencement was also marked by recognition of the recipients of the Paul and Martha Meek Leadership Awards and the recognition of honor graduates.

McWherter often refers to UTM as "my university" and has numerous ties to the local institution.

Located in his native Weakley County, UTM was

the beneficiary of funds he donated to build a replica of the governor's office, located in the university's Paul Meek Library. The library now houses McWherter's speaker of the house papers.

The fact that his daughter, Dr. Linda Ramsey, is a longtime UTM professor of health and human performance, and his grandson, Matt Ramsey, is in his second year as a university student, adds to McWherter's affinity for UTM.

McWherter attended Weakley County public schools and graduated from Dresden High School in 1948. He was a Dresden businessman before being elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1968, where he served for nine consecutive terms.

He was elected Speaker of the House in 1973, serving seven terms in that position. In 1986, he was elected to the first of two four-year terms as governor. McWherter's contributions to Tennessee education include his work to establish the 21st Century Schools program.

McWherter created a charitable remainder trust to UT Martin in memory of his mother, Lucille McWherter. The Lucille McWherter Scholarship Foundation benefits students attending the UTM campus. He also established a statewide Ned McWherter Scholars program, a competitive, merit-based grant for students attending Tennessee post-secondary institutions.

Former Skyhawk soccer player wins NCAA inspiration award

Sports Information

Former Tennessee-Martin soccer player Emily Miller has been named one of three 2004 NCAA Inspiration Award recipients.

The NCAA will present the award to Miller during its Honors Dinner at the NCAA Convention, Jan. 11, in Nashville.

The other two Inspiration Award recipients are Heather Denison, a volleyball student-athlete at the University of

Portland and Mike Nyeholt, a former swimmer at the University of Southern California.

Jimmy Baxter, a men's basketball and track and field student athlete at the University of South Florida, also earned the 2004 NCAA Award of Valor for his heroic efforts. He will receive his award at the NCAA Convention, Jan. 11 in Nashville.

For the past three years Emily Miller has been a part of the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawk soccer team. Her statistics are nothing to brag about, but she con-

tributes, has a great work ethic and understands the team concept.

Her contribution to the team this season has been in the role of a reserve

player. As her teammates prepared to host their first Ohio Valley Conference tournament match, Miller was 150 miles away in Memphis dealing with a much tougher foe than Southeast Missouri State. She's battling osteosarcoma, bone cancer.

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Student Government

Harber Resolution gets results

Samantha Young
Technical Editor

Following the recommendation, known as the Harber resolution, made by the SGA in November, Public Safety has redesignated parking in Lot 12 (the parking lot behind the Communications Building).

Steve Jahr, assistant director of Public Safety, said that the decision to allow commuters to park on the east end of the lot was unanimous. The members of traffic and parking authority committee met in partial capacity before Christmas and in addition to allowing for more commuter spaces, chose to extend staff parking by 30 spaces.

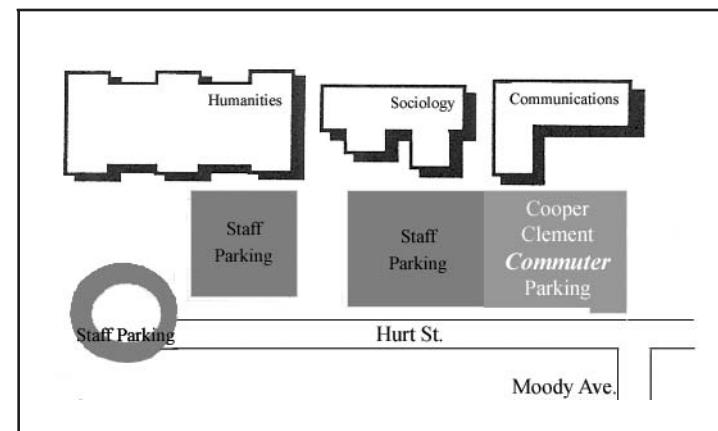
Jahr said these changes were made in the hope of "maximum utilization" of the lot.

Student Government

SGA swears in new members of judicial branch

Samantha Young
Technical Editor

The judicial branch of the Student Government Association experienced a shift this week upon receiving the resignations of Chief Justice Nikki Draper and Student Defender D.J. Norton, who have accepted



SGA Sen. Laura Harber, who sponsored the resolution, said she was pleased about the changes.

"It's good to see student suggestion taken seriously

and acted upon," she said.

"I think these changes will really help alleviate [parking] problems."

The newly named director of Multicultural Affairs, Dr. Luther Mercer, also spoke to the Senate. In his brief speech, he said that among his goals are to "make campus life more inclusive." He also implored the assembled students to notice that, among them, "international students are not represented."

UTM Fraternity 'wraps up' Christmas for youth in need

Tucker Leigh
Sigma Phi Epsilon

A local fraternity did its part to make the holidays brighter for a group of children who otherwise may not have had much for Christmas.

For the second consecutive year, the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon at UTM gave their time, money and effort to host a Christmas party Dec. 15 for the children at Youth Villages in Dyersburg. While this is the fraternity's second year of hosting the Christmas party, this year they teamed up with the sisters of UTM sorority Gamma Kappa Pi.

The night began with a dinner provided by the people at Youth Villages for the children, their foster parents, and everyone who assisted in the night's festivities. Afterwards, the children participated in games organized by SigEp members. Tucker Leigh

orchestrated a "Bring Me" game. In this game, an item would be named and whoever brought that item first would receive a prize. The children went all over the room looking for the items. It was a blast for everyone involved.

After the games, the fraternity and sorority members gave everyone a musical treat by singing holiday tunes. Many of the children joined in cheerfully, especially to "Santa Claus is Coming Town." The group topped everything off by singing a rousing rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Finally came the point of the evening that all of the children had eagerly awaited: The opening of presents. The walls of the building were adorned with presents stacked up nearly 3 feet high.

When their names were called, the foster children would go sit on Santa's lap as their gifts were delivered. Each child got to keep

a Polaroid picture that was taken with Santa while receiving the gifts. Santa was played once again by SigEp member Tony Beal's father, Anthony. Each child was given a stocking from Youth Villages, and the presents came from SigEp, GKPi, and various other people from the Dyersburg area.

"There was not one unhappy child," said Matt Muehlberger, one of the head planners for the party. "What makes this event so special is the knowledge that you were able to make a difference in the lives of the children at this event, who are our future."

Youth Villages is an organization based in Memphis that helps ease the burden placed on foster parents and the children for whom they care.

The fraternity was provided with a list of children's names and the gifts that they would like to receive.



Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers Nathan Davis and Philip Rhodes help pass out gifts to some one of the participants of the Dyersburg Youth Villages Program. This year the fraternity teamed up with the Gamma Kappa Pi sorority.

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Osteosarcoma is a cancer that, typically, strikes children from 10-20 years old. The current survival rate is 70 percent if limb sparing surgery and chemotherapy are used.

"She endures incredible nerve pain daily, and has a limp, but she is just as positive today as she was before she had cancer," says Catherine Greenslade, Emily's mother.

Despite her illness, soccer is still important to Emily.

"When the going really gets tough and you just don't think you have it in

you to take another step, rub your purple pre-wrap bracelet and know that I am cheering you each on as you battle today," Emily wrote.

"Stay positive and fight like hell! You girls are my heroes and I cannot wait to see you all again."

Miller's note was taped to the wall in the Skyhawk soccer locker room for each team member to read before they walked down to the field behind the Elam Center.

Before her diagnosis, Emily played soccer and was on the Dean's List. When a persistent pain in her leg became unbearable, April 2003, she went home to see the family's orthopedic surgeon.

The next day she was referred to an oncologist, and two days after that, she underwent a biopsy. Less than one week from going home, Emily was admitted at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

"We were running during spring practice and I was having a lot of problems with my knee," Emily said. "I went to the trainers because I couldn't deal with the pain anymore."

Her chemotherapy began April 22, 2003 and will continue through March. "She endured four rounds of harsh chemotherapy drugs first, and had surgery to remove suspicious spots of her left lung and later survived a collapsed lung," Greenslade said.

She underwent seven hours of limb sparing surgery to remove the tumor in her femur, which

included removing portions of both her femur and tibia, plus total removal of the knee. A titanium prosthesis was implanted inside her leg from the top of her thigh to just above the ankle.

Less than 36 hours passed from limb sparing surgery and Emily was released from the Intensive Care Unit.

"She left the hospital five days later, with a new leg and no idea how to use it," Greenslade said. "The bones, muscles, nerves and tendons were either removed or rerouted.

"Through 14 weeks of grueling rehabilitation, Emily has learned to walk again and has about 125 degrees bend, which is unusual progress for this type of prosthesis," Greenslade said.

Before school started in August, Emily had a chance to tell all Tennessee-Martin athletes what she had been through.

"I wanted all of the athletes to know how opportunities can slip away," Emily said.

"I wanted them to know that opportunities slipped away for

the girl that never drank and never smoked. I know some athletes who smoke and I wanted them to realize that a pack of cigarettes is not worth going through what I did.

"I told them to live life and be grateful, even if you are running from and working hard to get in shape," Emily said.

Just hours before Emily stood in front of the 300 athletes in Skyhawk Fieldhouse she was in the hospital pleading with doctors to release her so she could come to Martin and give her speech. She was pleading her case because she had a 104.6 temperature.

Emily has also attended every soccer game she could this season. "She perseveres through the pain of walking, so she can be with her team to cheer them on," Greenslade said. Emily's teammates have been inspired by her that they printed t-shirts with the message "If God brings you to it,

he will bring you through it."

The t-shirts are not all Emily has inspired. The entire Tennessee-Martin campus participated in a fund raiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

More than \$5,000 was raised in the Million Mile Marathon, where pledges were made for miles ran by students and faculty.

Beyond the confines of Tennessee-Martin, Emily has become a spokesperson for the hospital, appearing in the upcoming video, "A Time for Hope," with Marlo Thomas. She also speaks to groups and individuals about the wonderful things happening at St. Jude, in order to raise money for the hospital.

Emily's life has changed. Currently, she lives at home in Memphis. She's unable to drive because of the pain medication she takes daily. She has no hair, and she doesn't attend college. But, she plans to return to college next fall to complete her degree

in Spanish.

"She won't play soccer again, but she will be right there beside her teammates and her friends," Greenslade said.

"She plans on attending nursing school after that. The hospital has a desperate need for Spanish speaking nurses at the hospital, so Emily wants to give back to the place that saved her life," Greenslade said.

The NCAA Award of Valor recognizes a coach, administrator or current or former student-athlete who when confronted with a situation involving personal danger, averted or minimized the potential disaster by courageous action or noteworthy bravery.

The 2004 Award of Valor and Inspiration Awards recipients are selected by the NCAA Honors Committee, comprised of eight athletics administrators at member institutions and nationally distinguished citizens who are former student-athletes.

POLICE REPORT

Friday, January 2
12:49 p.m., Skyhawk Parkway
Citation issued for Violation of the Registration Law.

Tuesday, January 6
8:22 a.m., Elam Center
A Pepsi delivery truck damaged the grass on the north side of the Fieldhouse.

Tuesday, January 6
2:13 p.m., Administration Building
A UTM police car backed into another car. Less than \$400.00 damage was done to the second car and no damage was done to the patrol car.

Wednesday, January 7
12:23 p.m., University Street
A subject was issued 3 citations. The first was issued for violation of the registration law, the second for seat belt violation, and the third for lack of insurance.

Sunday, January 11
Browning-Ellington Circle
A chartered bus hit the concrete base of a light pole in the circle between Browning and Ellington Halls. No damage was done to the University property or the bus.

Public Safety Report is provided by the Department of Public Safety at UTM. All items on the public safety report are considered public record. DPS can be contacted at 587-7777.

BULLETIN BOARD

Pacer Meeting

If you are interested in writing for the Pacer, come to meetings at 5:15 p.m. every Thursday in 316 Gooch.

Diploma Application

Several seniors and master's candidates planning to graduate this semester have not yet filed a diploma application. Please apply so that your diploma will arrive for in time for commencement. This is now an online process on Banner Web.

Perkins Loan Recipients

Graduating seniors and students transferring or withdrawing this semester who have a Perkins Student Loan must have an exit

interview. Please call 7828 or 7824 to make an appointment with Judy Kerley.

SABER Meeting

SABER will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday Jan. 27 in the UC, room 229. The group will be discussing activities for the upcoming Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Gamma Beta Phi Meeting

The sisters of Gamma Beta Phi will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday Jan. 27 in the UC room 229.

Comic Book Exhibit

The comic book exhibition of late faculty member Carl

Buchanan will be held beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Jan. 22 in the University Museum located in Paul Meek Library. The exhibit, entitled "Carl Buchanan's Silver Age and Modern Marvel Comics" will be open to the public after the opening from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with viewing at other times by special arrangement with the curator.

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End is near for *Sex and the City*

Tan-tra` L. Terrell
Advertising Manager

"Sex this good can't last forever." The HBO original series *Sex and the City* (SATC) will end its six year run while it is on top.

SATC was created by Darren Star and based on the novel by Candace Bushnell. According to HBO's Web site, Star was the creator and executive producer of the well-known FOX hit series *Beverly Hills, 90210*, which became one of the longest running prime time series in television history. So there is no wonder why *SATC* is such a hit with viewers.

"With *Sex and the City*, Darren Star has realized his vision of a show about relationships that both feel true and make people laugh - a show that connects with audiences," explains HBO.com.

Star uses Carrie Bradshaw's (played by Sarah Jessica Parker) column *Sex and the City* to discuss relationships - usually by asking a particular question.

As *SATC* makes its exit, the show has already aired 2 of 8 final episodes. *Let There Be Light* aired on January 4, *The Ick Factor* aired on January 11.

Let There Be Light

In this episode, Carrie continues to go on dates with Aleksandr Petrovsky (played by Mikhail Baryshnikov), an artist



Courtesy of hbo.com

that is in his fifties. The question that Carrie addresses to her readers is this: "According to certain scientists, whenever a woman has sex her body produces a chemical which causes her to emotionally attach. This chemical may also account for the series of terrifying questions that involuntarily pop into our mind after just one tryst, questions like, does he like me?, will he call again?, and the classic, where is this all going? When it comes to men, even when we try to keep it light, how do we wind up in the dark?"

This question is answered by all four of the women's relationships with their love interests.

The Ick Factor

Carrie's relationship with Petrovsky has developed into a romantic escapade. But

Petrovsky's romantic gestures become too much. So, the question that Carrie answers in her column is: Are woman romance-intolerant?

And of course, Miranda Hobbes (played by Cynthia Nixon) proves to be romance-intolerant by her rejection to having a traditional wedding. Charlotte York (played by Kristin Davis) is the most hopeless romantic of the four, she tries to rekindle the romance with her husband, but they end up with diarrhea. With a surprise twist, Samantha Jones (played by Kim Cattrall) finds out she has breast cancer after going to a plastic surgeon for a breast enlargement.

Sex and the City comes on at 8 p.m. Sunday on HBO. Don't miss it - only 6 episodes left!

Carrie Bradshaw is a columnist writing about living and loving in NYC. She's joined by her three best friends: Charlotte, the idealist, Miranda, the cynic, and Samantha, the free spirit. With candor and humor, Season one revealed the difficulties and the joys of searching for Mr. Right.

Check back here in two weeks for a synopsis of season two of *Sex and the City*.

Courtesy of hbo.com

Comics, art featured in UTM Museum

Do you remember the first comic book you ever read? Who doesn't know that Peter Parker's alter-ego is Spider Man? Can anyone escape childhood without some exposure to comic books?

The University Museum is now hosting a new exhibition that is part of its occasional Collector's Whimsy series. *Carl Buchanan's Silver Age and Modern Marvel Comics* exhibits 74 examples of comic book covers and panel art. All pieces featured were selected from the extensive collection of the late faculty member of the English Department.

Under the creative direction of Stan Lee, Marvel Comics rose from relative obscurity in the late 1950's to become the dominant publishing firm in the country by 1970.

Its stable of characters include Iron Man, Spider

Man, the Hulk, Daredevil, and such notable superhero teams as the Fantastic Four, X-men and the Avengers.

The exhibition presents work representing Marvel's fantasy and super-hero comics dating between 1941 and 2003, a survey of one of one unique format of American literature.

The public and campus community is also invited to attend a gallery presentation at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, in the museum. A brief account of comic books as art forms and cultural records will be presented, and there will be time available to walk through the exhibit.

The University Museum is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and at other times by prior arrangement with the curator.

Rims reflect driver's style

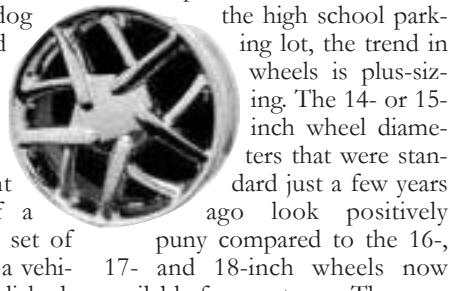
Today's wheels are the ultimate fashion accessory. They used to be humble pieces of steel that attached the tires to a car. If wheels were dressed up at all, they were fitted with dog dish-shaped hubcaps and maybe, if an owner had a true sense of style, a chromed trim ring around the outer rim.

No single component can change the look of a vehicle faster than a new set of wheels. Wheels can dress a vehicle up or down; be polished, chrome-plated or painted; be delicately styled for agile road use or beefed up to withstand off-road punishment. No matter what vehicle you own and how you drive, there's a set of wheels out there that will fit your needs and style-like a well-tailored suit.

The number of wheel choices available these days is mind-boggling. Visit any dealership and the car of your dreams is most likely offered with several different types and sizes of wheels. Yet the factory offerings barely scratch the surface of wheel choices. Truly specialized and outrageous custom wheels are churned out every year by specialty wheel makers.

Parts and accessories to modify cars and trucks were a \$27 billion industry in this country in 2002, and consumers spent roughly \$3 billion on wheels alone, according to SEMA, the Specialty Equipment Market Association that represents the automotive specialty aftermarket.

At SEMA's 2003 trade show in Las Vegas, the group estimated that of the 1,500 vehicles on display, barely a dozen were sitting on their factory wheels-if that. That translates to nearly 6,000 custom wheels and around 30,000 lug nuts. That number doesn't even include the hundreds of wheels that were on display in the various manufacturers' booths.



As anyone who has seen the movie *2 Fast 2 Furious*, watched MTV's *Cribs* or the Discovery Channel's *Monster Garage*, or even paid attention down at the high school parking lot, the trend in wheels is plus-sizing. The 14- or 15-inch wheel diameters that were standard just a few years ago look positively puny compared to the 16-, 17- and 18-inch wheels now available for most cars. The proportions of SUV's allow wheel designers an almost "sky's the limit" envelope for wheel diameters, going up from 20 to as much as 24 or 26 inches.

"Just five years ago, 18-inch wheels were the talk of our show," mused Peter MacGillivray, SEMA's vice president of marketing and communications. "In 2002, there were sightings of a 32-incher."

Sheer size isn't the only fashion aspect of wheels these days, either. A kaleidoscopic array of finishes is available, thanks to modern polishing, plating and painting techniques, so you no longer have to opt just for mirror-like chrome.

The hottest designs on the market are wheels known as "spinners," which feature hubs or hoops that spin independently of the wheel they're mounted on. So if a brightly plated or polished wheel isn't dazzling enough, your wheels can look like they're spinning even when they're stopped.

All this doesn't mean that wheel trends have lost their functionality, however. At the other end of the spectrum from 24-inch spinners are those wheels built for competition purposes,

like lightweight racing wheels made from forged aluminum or exotic composite materials.

Among off-road enthusiasts, competitive rock crawling is the hottest sport going, no matter how contradictory that sounds. Rock racers routinely climb impassable cliffs, stone faces, and waterfalls, and to do so they need sturdy wheels that won't crumble under high-torque punishment. So crawlers (and their fans) use steel wheels on their rigs, and then literally bolt them to their knobby tires with what are called bead locks-rings fitted with bolts that run through the tire's bead.

What does this new generation of wheels cost?

Traditional performance wheels in 16- to 18-inch sizes run anywhere from \$150 to \$400 to \$500, depending on wheel type and construction. Step up to 18- to 20-inch rims, and prices go from several hundred to nearly a thousand dollars. Go over 20 inches and add spinners and you're well over \$1,000. Per wheel.

Enthusiast car magazines also devote a lot of space to products and new wheels will figure prominently in their coverage.

A way to search for new rims is on the Internet. All the wheel makers display their latest designs on the Web, and SEMA has put together a list of the major wheel manufacturers and retailers www.enjoythedriver.com. Finding the right set of rims is as easy as point-and-click. Now all you need is a set of new tires to go with those wild wheels, but that's another story altogether.

People have an amazingly wide choice of wheels, or rims, to make their cars or trucks reflect their driving lifestyle.

For more information on the rims featured here, check out www.aaarims.com.

Courtesy of NAPS

Do you have an interesting tattoo or body piercing you'd like featured in a future edition of the Pacer?

If so, let us know.

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What to do in Martin ...

Friday

- Shoot some hoops with the Midnight Basketball Association at 10 p.m. in the Elam Center.

Saturday

- Check out a Skyhawk double-header when the men and women's teams face off against Samford University. Women play at 4 p.m., men at 6 p.m.

Monday

- No classes.

Tuesday

- Join the Reformed University Fellowship for their Bible study from 8-9 p.m. in UC 229.

Wednesday

- SAC presents *Basic* at 10 p.m. in Watkins. The movie is free, and so is the popcorn.

Thursday

- Hear Paul Finkleman talk about *Creating the Covenant with Death: The Making of the Pro-Slavery Constitution*. He has published more than a dozen books and 70 articles on the law of American slavery, the First Amendment, and American race relationships. His talk at 7:30 p.m. in Watkins is part of the Academic Speaker program.
- Relive your childhood by checking out a special presentation and exhibit at the UTM museum, located in the library. The talk will be about comic books as art forms and cultural records at 7 p.m.

What's happening in Tennessee?

January

- 17- Get your fang fingers ready for the Predators face off against the Edmonton Oilers at 7 p.m. in the Gaylord Entertainment Center. Tickets range from \$10 to \$95 and can be purchased from Ticketmaster or the Preds box office at (615) 770-2040.

- 19- Join David Copperfield for an intimate evening of grand illusion when he performs in Nashville. Shows will be at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. at TPAC. Tickets are \$26.75-46.75 from ticketmaster.com.

- 20- Check out the theatrical production of Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables* at 7:30 p.m. at the Orpheum Theatre in Memphis. Tickets are \$17.50-55 from Ticketmaster.

- 21- Watch the Memphis Grizzlies battle out against the Los Angeles Lakers. The game will be at 7 p.m. in the Pyramid in downtown Memphis. Tickets are \$5-140 from ticketmaster.com.

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UPTOWN GIRLS AT 9 PM

JANUARY 30, FRIDAY
FORMULA 51 AT 10 PM

FEBRUARY 4, WEDNESDAY
ALI AT 9 PM

FEBRUARY 6, FRIDAY
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FEBRUARY 11, WEDNESDAY
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FEBRUARY 13, FRIDAY
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Tips for saving on groceries

How well do you plan your excursions to the grocery store? By using common sense and your computer, you can save time and money. Try these savvy shopping strategies.

1. Use coupons as a trusted source for savings. Coupons are a great way to save on your favorite brands. Newspaper circulars offer traditional coupons, and now the Internet makes finding coupons fast, easy and free.

2. Think through menus and housekeeping "to dos" in advance. There are Web sites that will inspire your creativity and keep you focused while you shop.

3. Prepare a list prior to grocery shopping. Don't forget your shopping list—it will save you money. More than 40 percent of people purchase on impulse when shopping if they do not have a list with them, according to www.greedyfools.com.

4. Never grocery shop when

you're hungry. The hungrier you are, the more you will crave food that may not be on your list or in your budget. Shop after a meal, or after you exercise.

5. Keep your eyes peeled. Food manufacturers compete for the best shelf space, so look high and low. For every one type of product, there are a variety of brands with varying prices including generic brands, which often offer the best value.

6. Give yourself a time limit. Get in and out of the store as quickly as possible. Experts say that for every extra minute you shop, you spend 50 cents more.

7. Shop at the right time. Mornings are less crowded—making it easier to satisfy your need for speed. Shop when double and triple coupons are offered.

8. Cut down your trips to the grocery store. Make a monthly

trip to a discount grocery store for staples and packaged goods. Then, shop weekly for milk, fruit and veggies. You'll buy less produce that often goes to waste.

9. Keep score. Track what you're paying for groceries each week. Using a computer program like Quicken you can create categories in your online checkbook and track your purchases with ease.

With the money you save using these tips, consider helping another in need.

Visit Web sites like www.secondharvest.org or www.cutout-hunger.org for more information on how you can feed the hungry in your own community and beyond.

who really listen to their music. When it comes to Christian bands who have moved into the mainstream, this is usually the approach that works best.

Fireproof contains songs like *Indivisible*, which deals with the political message of enduring American pride, and *Hindsight*, which proves to be an autobiographical look at what the past held and what the future holds.

Other songs on the album include *Epidemic*, *Further from Myself* and *Just to Get By*.

This album is musically and lyrically strong. Pillar has learned how to combine strong vocals and rhythms with thought-provoking lyrics.

The album contains a mix of hard rock and rap with both types being performed well.

The band will be on the road with the *See Spot Rock* tour from March 1 until May 31. Other bands on the tour include 12 Stones, Skillet, Big Dismal and Grits. Check out www.seespottrock.com for tour dates and information.

You can find out more information about the band including their new CD that is in the works at www.pillarmusic.com.

Eyes, helped them earn over 60,000 in album sales.

Pillar works hard Just to Get By

Fireproof

MCA

★★★★ of 5

Emily Vick
Features Editor



It may be easy to forget that Pillar is a Christian band if you just hear the hard rock they play, but once you actually listen to the words, there won't be a doubt in your mind that this band is playing songs with a message.

With lyrics like "If you believe it let it known ya'll be feelin' us/Not just the sound but the Trinity in whom we trust," you can see what these guys are all about.

Although the members of the group have changed, vocalist and lyricist, Rob Beckley, and bassist, Mike Kalel, have been with Pillar through it all. The band now also includes Lester Estelle on drums and Noah Henson on guitar.

After self-producing 2 CDs, Pillar was picked up by the independent label, Flicker Records. Flicker released Pillar's debut album, *Above*, in September 2000. The first single, *Open Your*

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special day with them and their family.*

*The Pacer staff wishes Cathy, our associate
news editor, and Alex a happy married life.*

Campus Recreation

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Skyhawks nine better than J-ville State

Joe Dacus
Sports Editor

UTM Skyhawks Women's team grabbed an important conference victory in their Ohio Valley Conference home opener last night at Skyhawk Arena, beating Jacksonville State 79-70.

The conference win ended a four game losing streak and put the team back on the right track going into the second half of the season.

The Game would be a tough one for the Skyhawks. It was tied eight times on the night including nine lead changes all in the first half.

The Skyhawks lit up the floor in the first half going 14 of 29 from the floor (including 3 for 8 from beyond the three-point arc) and nailing all six free-throws to put up a total of 37 points in the first half.

Jacksonville State kept within striking distance by nailing 13 shot from the floor and three from beyond the arc to put up 31 points in the half, but trail by six at the break.

Game Stats			
	1st	2nd	Final
UTM	37	42	79
Fg%	41.8	Ft%	93.5
Reb	35		
JSU	31	39	70
Fg%	44.3	Ft%	61.9
Reb	36		

The second half would be key for both teams in this nip-and-tuck game.

The bench would prove key for the Skyhawks as one of their leading scorers and rebounders, freshman Andreika Jackson, grabbed her second double-double on the night.

UTM would put up an impressive 42 points in the second frame. The Skyhawks shot 9 for 24 from the floor, but the charity stripe is where they made money.

UTM shot an amazing 23 for 25 from the free-throw line to go 94 percent on the night.

The charity stripe wasn't the only place the

Skyhawks performed well. UTM crashed the boards for 35 rebounds including 10 offensive boards. The Skyhawks put up 20 points in the paint and 24 off of turnovers, of which they forced 18.

Jacksonville State played hard in the second as well, but just couldn't grab the advantage

JSU put up 39 points in the second frame and shot 42 percent from the floor, but UTM's near perfect charity stripe performance was their undoing.

Forward Shaniqa Freeman led the Gamecocks with 23 points and 12 rebounds on the night. Guard Courtney Slaughter added 15 of her own and Cobie Carlisle came off the bench to put 11.

Forward Jenny Lannom and guard Tiffany Brundige lead the Skyhawks with 15 points on the night and forward Julie Young put up 14 of her own. Jackson came off the bench to put up 11 points and 11 rebounds.

The Skyhawks improved to 4-9 on the year and 1-2 in the OVC. They will next take on OVC foe Samford tomorrow night at the Skyhawk Arena at 4 p.m.



UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Forward Jenny Lannom goes up for a shot versus JSU Thursday night at Skyhawk Arena. She had 15 points on the night.

UTM men falter versus in OVC home opener, 96-85

UTM saved the run for the second half this time out, but it wasn't enough as visiting Jacksonville State knocked off the Skyhawks, 96-85, in an Ohio Valley Conference men's basketball game Thursday night in Skyhawk Arena.

UTM falls to 0-3 in the OVC standings and 5-10 overall, while Jacksonville State picks up its first-ever OVC win to move to 1-3 in the league race. Overall, Jax State is 7-7.

JSU forged ahead 50-40 at the intermission and used an 11-0 run to open the second half.

Trailing 61-40 with 17:04 to play, the Skyhawks rallied, unlike their past two games where they led at the break and let up in the second half.

The Skyhawks used a 15-5 run to cut the Jax State lead to one, 72-71, with 7:03 remaining to play.

That was it though. Jacksonville State tossed in 12 unanswered points and never looked back.

JSU's Scott Watson led all scorers with 30 points. He canned six of his 10 attempted treys and was perfect on eight tosses from the charity stripe.

The Skyhawks relied on 29 points and nine rebounds from junior college transfer Jared Newson. He shot 50 percent from the field and was 11-for-14 at the free throw line.

Sophomore Cleve Woodfork added a dozen points to the Skyhawks' tally and recorded his

second double-double of the year. Woodfork had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Tyler George and Justin Smith rounded out the double-digit scoring for Tennessee-Martin with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The Skyhawks won the battle of the boards, 42-40, but shot just 26.7 percent (4-for-15) from the three-point arch.

JSU shot 54.5 percent from the curve and hit 12-of-22 three balls.

The Skyhawks hope to put an end to the three-game slide Saturday, Jan. 17 when they host the OVC's other new team, Samford. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. in Skyhawk Arena.

(Courtesy of Sports Information)

Brett Favre is a class act



Amy Guest
Guest Columnist

prove himself worthy to hold his quarterback position.

Well, he did and has taken his team to the playoffs. It almost seems as though he is the underdog, so it was hard to pull against him.

Then the cameras switched to the other side and showed Brett Favre. What a class act this guy is. Oh sure, he has had his problems but came through them with his head held high.

He didn't quit and let it get the best of him; he is one of the most respected and talked about quarterbacks in professional football.

As you probably know Favre lost his father this season. Once again, he kept going. Instead of taking a few weeks off, he chose to play in the game that Sunday.

The camera shots showed him on the sidelines laughing with his teammates, but you could see the tears in his eyes. He is an important factor to this team, and he wasn't going to let them down even in his time of loss.

McNabb and the Eagles went on to win the game with a field goal in overtime. Now the Eagles have the chance to win the NFC Championship and play in the Super Bowl. Favre on the other hand has to go back home and deal with the death of his father.

Favre may not have won the Super Bowl or the NFC Championship this year but maybe something far greater, the hearts and respect of millions with his dedication and character.

"Schmo Knows"

A column by Sports Editor Joe Dacus

A year ago I sat here writing what would be my last sports column of the year. Unknown to me at the time, one phone call would change my life a week later.

I was ordered to report to my National Guard unit the following morning and was then moved to Ft. Campbell. A few weeks later my destination was Kuwait and from there Iraq.

You may be asking yourself, what does this have to do with sports. Well, ask no more.

Sports are a large part of most Americans' lives. Whether it is baseball, football, soccer, or horse shoes. Horse shoes? That's right. A great game to play in the wastelands of Iraq.

Whether it was kicking a soccer ball with some Iraqi children, pitching "shoes" with some fellow platoon members, or throwing a football around with the guys from my unit; it became a staple of life.

None more so than softball.

Before we left our basecamp to move back south to Kuwait and go home. The powers that be constructed a softball field in the middle of the camp. Though the field was composed entirely of sand, it was a great thing.

The field was dedicated to those who had lost their lives from the many units that lived and worked. It was called "Heroes Field."

While on the field or in the stands, we felt human again. It was as if we were at home playing in the town park. We felt like real people again, if only for a short while, and it was beyond words.

Funny how such a trivial thing could mean so much. Volleyball was always an easy game to play due to the limitless beaches in Iraq. No ocean, but plenty of beach.

Sports, the other necessity of life other than food, water, shelter. For those who love it, it means that much.

Now enough being serious. I

will recap the following year in sports and what to expect this year.

Pete Rose said he did bet on baseball, trying to clear the way for his induction into the hall of fame. Why is he not in it to begin with. Ty Cobb is there. He beat all three of his wives repeatedly until they ran for help. He also bragged about prostitutes he had, and intentionally injured other players.

If he can make it, and other people such as Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio, there is no reason Rose should be kept out. It is just ridiculous.

LSU and USC split the national championship. Funny, the BCS was supposed to eliminate that. Goes to show that no matter how it happens, unless there are playoffs, the system will be flawed.

Well, that's all this week. I should be back to my normal obnoxious self next time. Until then, see you around.



UT Martin Sports Schedule

Jan. 16 - 22

Friday, Jan. 16

• Women's Basketball vs. Jacksonville State, 5:30 p.m.
• Men's Basketball vs. Jacksonville State, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17

• Women's Basketball vs. Samford, 4 p.m.
• Men's Basketball vs. Samford, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

vs. • Women's Basketball @ Murray State, 5:15pm
• Men's Basketball @ Murray State, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 22

• Women's Basketball @ Tennessee State, 5:30 p.m.
• Men's Basketball @ Tennessee State, 7:30 p.m.

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LUNCH

Classic	Meatloaf	Chicken Orleans	Ground Beef & Potato Pie	Fish Sticks	Open Faced Beef Sand.	Tater Tot Casserole
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Open Faced Turkey Sand.	Ched. Bacon Burger	Grill Turkey Reuben	Philly Steak	Chicken Patty Sand.		
Monte Cristo	Cajun Sandwich w/ Rice	Chicken Paprika	Garlic Orange Chilli	Korean Beef	Gazpacho	Pasta
Sweet & Sour Pork w/Rice	Mexican Chicken Wrap	California Wrap	Ham Wrap w/ Herb Mayonnaise	Ham Wrap w/ Herb Mayonnaise		
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DINNER

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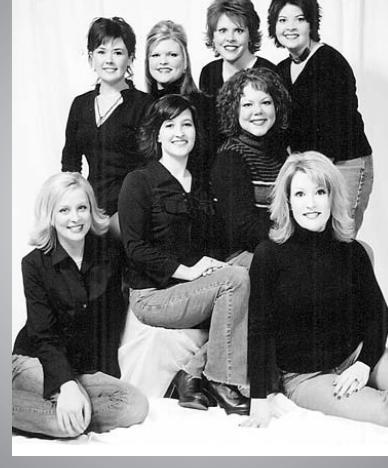
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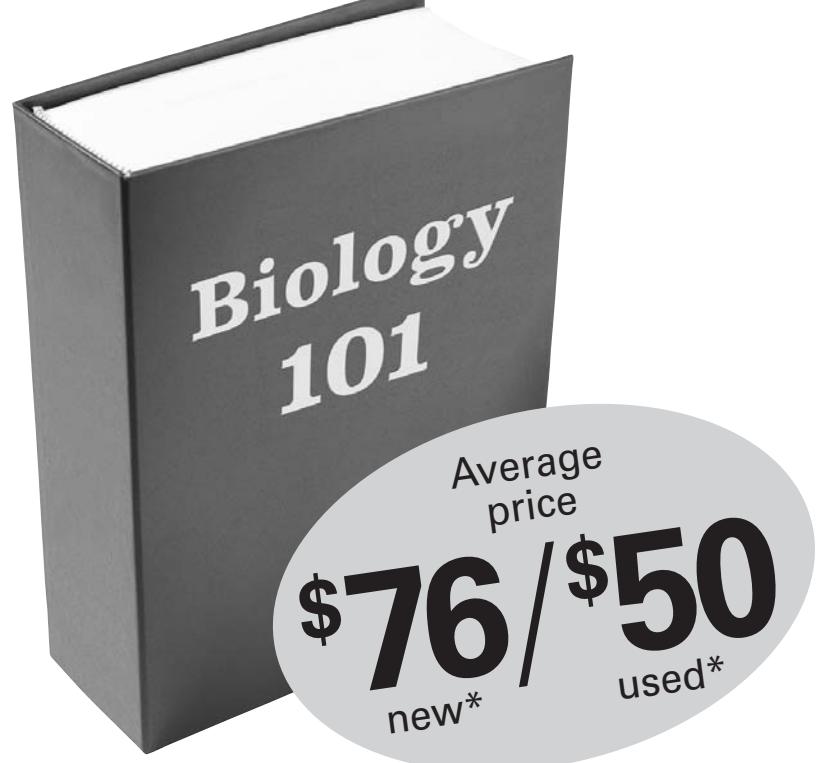
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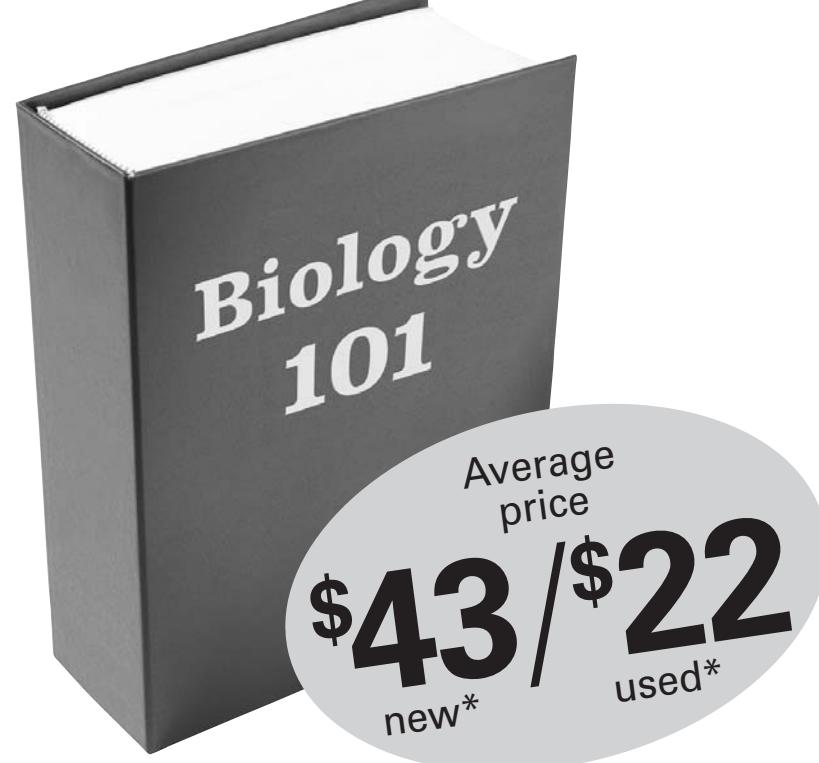
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